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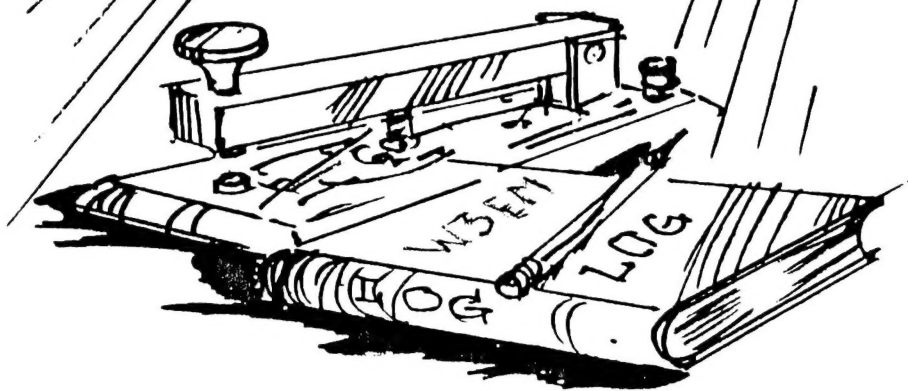
Phil-Mont Net Schedule

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
09:30 147.030 MHz FM		20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM		
10:00 29.000 MHz SSB		Personalized CW	TRIPLE B-S NET	BULLETIN NET		
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB		Practice Net	Swap Net			

May 86

PHILMONT

Silent
Key



Bradley C. Algeo, W3EM, died 25 Jul 86, age 78

HELP!

JAKE NEEDS VE ASSISTANT

At the July General Meeting Jake (AK2I) made the announcement that an assistant coordinator for the Volunteer Examination sessions is needed to insure continuity in this most valuable club program. You must hold a valid Extra class license and be a certified examiner to qualify.

Jake's future plans include more travel with his travel trailer, and he wants to be sure that the VE testing program continues uninterrupted. He indicated that the club's response will be indicative of its commitment to the continuation of this valuable service to the amateur community.

HELP!!

Code Practice SI!

Code Practice NO!

More help needed on Tuesday nights! Dick, W3RM, can't always be there! Why don't YOU do something for the hobby? Help out!

How about one or two of the Snow Birds who can help us keep things going through the summer vacation period?

How about some of you folks who personally received benefit from these code practice sessions?

How about an old timer or two who hasn't contributed anything to the hobby for years? Why not give back, to the fraternity, a little bit of the enjoyment that you've derived over these many years. Didn't someone help and encourage you when you were getting started?

HELP!!!

BULLETIN STATION STILL OFF THE AIR

Some progress appears to have been made in finding a replacement for Jake (AK2I) in the regular operation of the Bulletin Net that had been a regular feature on .03 on Thursday evenings. The latest report is that Ed (KB3IV) has volunteered to be ONE of two or three who will run the net weekly. Will anyone else help? One is not enough, and the net will not resume unless there are more volunteers!

Call Jake for more information.

THE PREZ SEZ

Phil-Mont is an ARRL designated Special Service Club, one of only about 140 in the country, and one of four in Eastern Pennsylvania. A Special Service club is one who has qualified by "demonstrating a substantial commitment to the advancement of Amateur Radio in its community".

How does this apply to Phil-Mont?

Our services that go to fulfilling this requirement include the weekly code practice sessions, the monthly Volunteer Examination sessions, sponsorship of the radio station at the Franklin Institute (W3TKQ), sponsorship of a mobile emergency communications vehicle (Mo-Com), the Thursday evening bulletin net, providing communications at public service events, (i.e., Paddlerama, bike-a-thons, the NDMS drill and Hands Across America), and maintenance of an open repeater. There are more, but these are some that come quickly to mind. Through the special services, we are able to give something back to amateur radio for all of the pleasure and other benefits it has given to us.

But, what does it mean to you as a member of Phil-Mont? If I were cynical, I would believe it doesn't mean much, based upon recent events. Our Public Service Committee Chairman, Gil, W3SRU, has done yeoman's work on a number of events only to have almost no response or last minute back outs. Our Mo-Com Chairman, Rick, N3DHI, has requested volunteers to learn to drive and operate Mo-Com, with lukewarm response. When time restraints forced Jake, AK2I, to relinquish the Thursday evening Bulletin and Information Net, few (actually one) volunteered to help out. When the nominating committee calls for candidates for the following year, they are the beneficiaries of some of the most creative excuses ever heard.

I am not cynical, however, I am very disappointed in my ability to motivate the membership. I thoroughly believe that Phil-Mont is a vital part of the Delaware Valley and that we have a great depth of talent in our membership. So, I am again asking you to get involved with your club; the officers welcome your input and participation. The alternative is that the April Fool prophecy in the April BLURB might be self fulfilling. Don't let that happen!

Sam's CORNER

RUMOR HAS IT, THAT BILL CHEDEVILLE
W3GQD, IS A CB BIGGY IN THE SOUTH WEST
DEL. VALLEY. GOES BY THE HANDLE OF
LITTLE BILL FROM CELERYVILLE.

TSK-TSK- A CB BIGGY IN
PHILMONT! SHAME-SHAME-SHAME

WITH APOLOGIES TO GQD

AVG

MINUTES July 1986 GENERAL MEETING

KA3BET opened the 440th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club at 8:10 P.M. on July 7th.

W3IIN read the minutes of the June Directors' Meeting. KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report. Both reports were approved as read.

W3VVS reported that, as usual, the members outnumbered the visitors with 23 members and 5 visitors present. Paul introduced Gladys Schlichting, XYL N2EMN; Hank Schott, KA3BMS; Mim Roeshman, XYL W3LKI; Charles J. Ellis, KB2AZW; and Frank Buhler.

Fred stated he had been contacted by a representative from Upper Merion Twp., with a request for radio support for two races to be held in the King of Prussia area, in April and June 1987. The planning for these events will begin in January. If we are going to participate in these events, the decision should be made soon. Fred also stated that Gil, W3SRU, had resigned as chairman of the Special Events Committee, and that we need a new chairperson to handle future special events, or we will not be able to participate in these types of activities.

Fred asked for volunteers to take over as chairpersons for the Refreshment and Special Events Committees. We also need people to help on these committees.

N3DHI thanked N3EAY and W3BBB for their work on the tower for Mo-Com. The tower has been completely repainted, a new cable installed, and was reinstalled on the van 2 weeks ago. Also, 2 lines for phone connections have been installed. Rick also thanked WB3CMM and W3HYB, for changing the oil, etc. when Mo-Com was used for Field Day. Rick gave an update on the last two Bike Races and thanked W3SRU for all his hard work as Chairman of the Special Events Committee.

W3PWG read a notice from the Institute outlining the preparations for the move of W3TKQ. By July 30th, TKQ should be moved to its temporary location on the 4th floor.

W3IIN and all members present, welcomed Mike Lenczynski, KA3EIP, as the newest member of Phil-Mont.

W3LKI introduced Frank Buhler, Vice President and Staff Engineer with Corbett Elevator Company, by way of a very interesting talk and video tape on the background of the Statue of Liberty. Frank then gave a very interesting and informative talk on the installation of the new elevator for Miss Liberty.

AK2I reported that tonight was the 17th consecutive month for the VE exams. Tonight there were 14 tests given with a 50% pass rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 P.M.

W3IIN Hon. Secretary

MOBILE MANIA

Confidence is the feeling you had before you knew better.

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
30 YEARS AGO
AUG. 1956

THE BLURB
15 YEARS AGO
AUG. 1971

WCAU presented a radio program to stimulate interest in civil defense. The club's part in the program was a simulated emergency drill with mobiles rapidly calling in, and an interview describing club activities. W3IM acted as net control. Ken Mayer, the newscaster who publicized our activities in the floods, was narrator ... Spencer setting up at field day: W3(slam-bang-OK-the-job-is-done-what-are-we-standing-around-for?)QQH ... Live steam locomotive rides for PMRC harmonics and RR Mobile contacts scheduled for August ... For sale: DX-100 (1 1/2 months old) and a Blue Racer Vibraplex - Millen 1" scope w/o tube \$10.00 - Mallory 6v synchronous vibrator supply \$4.50.

The club is perceived to becoming "frequency disorganized" with mobile rigs on 10, 6 and 2. Decision needed on whether to support 29.493 repeater (being built), or to go "with the flow" to a 2 meter repeater ... Some members were complaining about Harrisburg's plan to put a liberty bell between letters on the license plates - Jim was heard to sign his call W3-LIBERTYBELL-QQH ... "XYL Corner" article (K3TK2's XYL Lillian) described problems with excessive levels of mercury found in swordfish ... 35 members turned out to help with field day.

SILENT KEY

Paul Twomey, WB380D, died recently. He was formerly connected with the Franklin Institute, and frequently arranged and conducted interesting Planetarium shows for the club.

HAMFESTS

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. To be printed in this column, **YOU** must send it to W3IIM prior to BLURB deadline.

- Aug. 10 MARC Hamfest, Bucks County Drive-In, Rt 611, Warrington, PA
08:00-15:00 WA3PZO 215-449-9727 147.06 146.52
- Aug. 24 Gloucester County ARC Hamfest, Gloucester County 4H
Fairgrounds, Rt 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08:00-16:00 K2FJ
609-589-2318 147.18 146.52
- Aug. 31 Red Rose Computerfest, Guernsey Pavilion, Rt 30 at 896,
Lancaster, PA 09:00-15:00
- Sept 14 SJRA, Pennsauken High School, Pennsauken, NJ 08:00-16:00
W2YRW 145.29 144.69
- Sept 20 Maple Shade ARC Hamfest, Maple Shade High School, Coles
Ave., Maple Shade, NJ 09:00-??:?? 224.62 146.52
- Oct. 5 PacRats ***** More info please! *****

N3AVE IN HOSPITAL

Stan recently underwent emergency surgery, and, at this writing, (7/23) his condition has been upgraded from critical to serious. He's presently in the intensive care unit of the Roxboro Memorial Hospital.

MINUTES July 1986 DIRECTORS' MEETING

KA3BET opened the meeting, held at the home of W83KOH and W83KQJ, at 8:19 PM on July 16th. In attendance were W3'S, IIM, IIN, RM, LKI, BBB, K3GNM, KB3IV, and N3DHI.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report, which was approved as read.

N3DHI reported that a 220 rig had been located for the Mo-Com at a cost of \$150.00. Arrangements are being made to purchase the equipment.

W3BBB said all information sheets for Paddlerama had been mailed and all was well in hand. Jim said that he was not quite sure what the noise was on the repeater, but believed it to be in the power supply. He will track it down later.

N3DHI opened a discussion for possibly stopping the Tuesday and Wednesday nets for the summer. After some deliberation, it was decided not to drop them.

Fred invited Phil-Mont to his home on Sunday, August 17th for an old time PMRC picnic. Details published in the August BLURB.

W3IIM suggested that the reading of the minutes at the General meeting be dispensed with, because they are published in the BLURB. It was a general consensus of opinion that this could be done as long as the minutes are still in the BLURB.

W3LKI gave a report on the up coming programs. Ben suggested that we make a special effort to get as many 'Old Timers' as we could to come out for Old Timer's Night. He also suggested we honor a special Old Timer this year, and maybe make it a yearly event for Old Timers Night.

W3BBB stated that he has collected \$1200 from the sale of John Tinaglia's equipment, and there are some small items left to sell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Even though it rained and we didn't get to dip in their pool, thanks to Don and Natalie for their hospitality and goodies.

W3IIN Hon. Secretary.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

NAME: Charles J. Ellis HANDLE: Charles CALL: K82AZW
ADDRESS: 16 Chatham Rd. CLASS LICENSE: Novice-KT
Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026 HOME PHONE: 609-784-6821

PADDLERAMA 86

by N3DHI

Every summer the members of Phil-Mont look North on the Delaware River for another opportunity to have fun with the 50 mile canoe race from the Water Gap to Tinicum Park.

This year, on July 19 and 20, we all gathered around our mobiles and handhelds to help the Scouts of Bucks County race down the river. As we provide fast and accurate reporting of gate penalties plus change-over times, we get the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat as these young adults try to become top canoe for 1986. We should recognize that a tremendous effort on the part of Phil-Mont is put forth before, and during, this event, and without everybody's help we could not complete this weekend.

Last year Jack, W3IIM, used a personal computer to tabulate race results and provide updates for radio operators as to when the first canoe would enter a particular point in the river. This year a fully portable computer was used in Mo-Com using a refined spreadsheet from last year which helped the race officials make the presentations much earlier on Sunday.

Communications went very smoothly on a simplex frequency this year, and the new Kenwood TR-7950, in Mo-Com, was heard along all parts of the river. We are very lucky to operate from two great locations during the weekend; at 1100 feet and 900 feet ASL. As a backup to simplex we must thank the repeater group DLARC for the use of 146.700 - W3OK, and all the hospitality they gave to Phil-Mont.

It should be noted that it takes a tremendous amount of fuel to keep these HAMS going, so we again called upon our top chef Baldy Bill, W3YHV, and aid Hal, W3AA, to create some superb meals for the troops on Saturday and Sunday. The number of canoes has decreased over the years but this event still has the excitement of any race large or small, and our members do enjoy the weekend, even if it does rain occasionally.

Many thanks to all Phil-Monters who helped make everything run smoothly and get the Scouts safely down river. Those who participated where: KB3IV Ed, K3GNM Al, W3ZPP Charlie, KA3BET Fred, N3EBE Betsy, W3VVS Paul, KB3JW Ray, N3EAY Bob and family, W3BBB Jim, W3YHV Bill, W3AA Hal, W3CED Rod, W3JOU Dave, W3JAY Bruce, KC3QB Brian and N3DHI Rick (and W3PXY from a distance -ed).

T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

The club still has a few PMRC T-shirts available for purchase at \$5.25 each in the following sizes: Small, Medium and Large

They're light brown, with the Gumbaуди on the front, and the club name spelled out on the back.

Please contact Jinny (W3IIN) for details.

FISH BEWARE!

by W3SGR

Being expert fishermen, we decided to go fishing.

The first complication was that I had given my boat to another friend so that I would not have to pay rent for not using it. "But", said my friend, "I have an ace in the hole. My son has a boat just like yours, but on a trailer." Boy! Ain't that something? So, we asked our XYs what kind of fish they wanted; Flounder, Blues or Weakeys, and for this statement we got a good laugh. Can't understand why?? Off we went with the whole used mess trailing behind the station wagon. Poles, gas tank and all those good things that will catch fish.

When we got to the bay we realized that neither of us had ever used a boat on a trailer before, but being expert fishermen, we could defeat all obstacles. Now, how to get this thing into the water... let's see now. We back the trailer down the ramp with the car as the control. This we did - the trailer wheels were in the water and the rear end of the boat was also in the water, therefore, all we had to do was unhook the boathook and winch from the boat, and roll the boat into the water. Ducksoup - nothing to it!

We did these things and pushed. Nothing happened!!! The boat would not move. Now let's see.... the rollers are frozen? So, with ropes tied to the boat, front and back, and also to the bulkhead, we moved the car forward - slowly. Nothing happened!!! Now let's see... maybe if we give the car a quick jerk, instead of that gentle stuff, it will break the roller loose. We tried it. Nothing happened!!! (Poor boat). Well, Damn it, lets pull the whole darn thing up out of the water and looksee what's going on here!!!

When the boat and trailer were out of the water, I almost died laughing! Two streams of water were coming out the back end of the boat, it reminded me of two elephants urinating. It squirted for five minutes, so when it was done, we put the plugs in. If the boat had gone into the water it would surely have gone right to the bottom of the bay! But, that's not why the boat did not move off the trailer. Observation showed that it had two straps on the back end, keeping the boat on the trailer - these we removed!!!

When the boat hit the water, we unhooked it and pushed it in. It rolled into the water very easy. With my ropes controlling the boat we got it to the platform and in we stepped. The motor started and sounded very good. Fish, here we come!!!! We turned off the motor to rearrange the things to our fishing expertise, and pushed away from the dock. The motor would not start!!!! I got the paddle and tried to keep us out of shallow water. We used the starter again and again! I said, "Gee, it sounds like it's not getting any gas." With this I heard, "Oh, Yeah", and he jumped over me to plug the gas hose into the can of gas. At this moment, I made a brilliant comment: "George, I guess we just didn't get our heads screwed on in the right direction this morning."

It's a \$20.00 fine to keep a Flounder under 13 inches, but right now who cares. With us fishermen they are safe!"



APPLE BYTES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

H 02-THOMAS O. BOHLANDER - WA3KLR
 A 04-GEORGE W. K. KING - W3PXY
 P 05-RUTH ANDERSON (XYL WA2RDC)
 P ROLLAND E. MADARA - W3PWG
 Y -KITTY TROUT - KA3BDU (XYL W3IGW)
 07-MICHAEL J. ERRIGO - WB3EQW
 08-JOSEPH J. JOHNSTON - K3VXU
 11-DOT McQUEEN (XYL W3PCX)
 12-ROY P. KENWORTHY - W3HNP
 B 14-PAT MESCANTI (XYL WB3CMM)
 I 15-MARK ACKERMAN - WA3AUN
 R 16-PATRICIA GILLESPIE (XYL KB3JW)
 T 17-GRACE BURKET (XYL W3HQJ)
 H -JACOB S. KOVALCHEK, JR. - AK2I
 D 20-LEON S. GREENWOOD - N3AVE
 A 22-JOHN M. MUROFF - W3SAI
 Y 25-FRANK D. WHITTEN - K3TEF
 27-URSULA GARVIN (XYL W3GRY)
 -DORIS HAMILTON - N3DQG
 28-GORDON LUSKY - W3APD
 30-PAUL H. BOHLANDER - W3VVS

HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

UPDATES

ANY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, ARRL AFFILIATION OR LICENCE UPDATES? WANT YOUR BIRTHDAY LISTED? IF SO, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE SO THAT YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN THE BLURB AND IN THE NEXT CLUB DIRECTORY.

....DE WB3KDJ

**** UPDATE ****

AUGUST 4 General Meeting Program: FRENCHY (W3IRS) will present a program on the Department of Defense Military Affiliate Radio Systems (MARS). Included will be representation from the Army, the Airforce, and the Navy discussing the coordination of the military radio system. (This program was rescheduled from earlier in the year.)

SEPTEMBER 8 General Meeting Program: Peter Brown, Vice President of American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), a world famous testing concern, will give a program on performance, design, measurements, and attributes of various products and materials.

OCTOBER 6 General Meeting Program to be announced.

NOVEMBER 3 OLE TIMER'S NIGHT!
 General Meeting Program: Ed Plesser, W3ESH, will present for us a movie and slides on location, of an actual field day of the 1950's. You'll enjoy seeing the equipment, cars and activities of a field day 30 years ago.

DECEMBER 1 ELECTIONS

PMRC FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 17, 1986

In order to allow the members of Phil-Mont to get together on an informal basis, there will be a "Covered Dish" type of picnic at the home of the Prez and 1st Lady, KA3BET and N3EBE. Please call Betsy, between 5 PM and 8 PM, for coordination. You wouldn't want 3 chocolate cakes and 20 bowls of baked beans would you?

Activities to include swimming, badminton, horse shoes, and the throwing of other parts of horses. This is for the WHOLE FAMILY, so come out and see which bride goes with which stud. Come anytime from 1:30 PM on with dinner to be served around 5 PM. Please bring towels for swimming, folding chairs, and folding tables if you have them. Beer and sodas provided. Talk-in on .03.

RSVP (215) 584-0503

Phil-Mont Calendar

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10 2m NCS W3AWG 10m NCS W3KAC 75m NCS W3AOA <i>Herbert Hoover's Birthday</i>	11	12 CODE PRACTICE NET	13 SWAP NET DIRECTORS' MEETING at W3MM&N's	14 BULLETIN NET <i>V.J. Day</i>	15 <i>Panama Canal Opened 1914</i>	16
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